

## FARMERS ATTRACTED BY HIGH CITY PRICES

Ignored Housewives in Small Communities After War Began and Placed Their Produce in Hands of Commission Merchants in Large Towns.

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Shortly after the beginning of the war the good housewives of the thriving suburban village decided that they had reached the limit of their patience with the farmers in the surrounding counties. These good men forgot that the housewife in the small community likes farm produce as well as her sister in the large cities, hence they shipped their crops directly to the commission merchants and entirely ignored their neighbors in the small villages.

The women of this community proudly acknowledged that they could raise sufficient greens and produce to make it unnecessary to buy these commodities in the open market.

When one of the members of the Garden Club was asked how the idea originated, she explained to me that the farmers in the vicinity were attracted by the city prices and were grudgingly allowed them only a very small portion of the produce. This was endured for one season only and then they started their gardens and the garden club.

On plots that the average person devotes to the growing of potatoes, the farmer would grow a few potatoes for the Idaho finest for baking and a few for the table. A small head of cabbage, carrots, Swiss chard, Chinese cabbage, snap peas, lima beans, string beans, leeks, onions and celery were among the vegetables displayed.

Ever-bearing raspberries and strawberries and a Jamaica tomato, with more than fifty varieties of flowers, filled the large hall at one of their exhibitions.

The housewives of the community are splendid cooks, and they know that the readers of this paper would be anxious to have some of their recipes, which I have spent one afternoon in gathering.

**Cinnamon Loaf Cake.**  
Three-quarters cup of sugar.  
One cup of milk.  
Four tablespoons of shortening.  
Cream until light lemon color and add:  
One and one-quarter cups of flour.  
Two teaspoons of baking powder.  
One-half cup of milk.  
One teaspoon of cinnamon extract.  
Beat to a smooth batter and then add:  
One cup of raisins.  
One cup of nuts.  
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**Fig Pudding.**  
Place in a mixing bowl:  
One cup of finely chopped suet.  
Two cups of bread crumbs.  
One cup of flour.  
One tablespoon of baking powder.  
One-half teaspoon of salt.  
One teaspoon of cinnamon.  
One cup of chopped figs.  
One cup of one lemon.  
Grated rind of one-quarter lemon.  
One cup of syrup.  
Three-quarters cup of water or milk.  
Mix thoroughly and pour into a well-greased mold. Cover the mold. A one-pound coffee can makes good molds for this pudding. Bake in the oven about three-quarters full of the mixture. Place in a kettle and fill to about two-thirds of mold with water. Bring to a boil and cook for one and one-half hours. Serve the pudding with cream or vanilla sauce; it may be reheated or fried.

**Fried Fig Pudding.**  
Cut slices of leftover pudding about three-quarters of an inch thick and then dip in batter and fry golden brown in hot fat. Serve with lemon sauce.

**Rice Flour Sponge Cake.**  
This cake is most delicious. Just like a breath of summer and deliciously flaky. Sift:  
Two-thirds cup of sugar.  
Seven-eighths cup of rice flour.  
Two teaspoons of baking powder.  
One-quarter teaspoon of salt.  
Four times, and then beat the yolks of two eggs and four tablespoons of water. Beat the whites of eggs until stiff meringue and then slowly pour in the prepared yolks of the eggs.

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## GERMANY HAS MUCH FOOD BUT FUEL IS SCARCE

Country Liberally Provided with Corn, Meats, Fish and Vegetables.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Oct. 28.—Germany's economic prospects are more favorable, the country being provisioned with corn, meats, vegetables and fish for a long time to come, according to a statement made by Herr Schmidt, Minister of Economics, who reviewed the situation before the National Assembly here yesterday.

Difficulties are recurring, however, in connection with the importation of raw materials, he said, and Germany was declared to be selling its products too cheaply abroad. The minister foreshadowed a control of prices in order that a continuance of this condition might be prevented.

Germany's principal anxiety, Herr Schmidt declared, was a shortage of coal.

**SET NEW BUILDING RECORD**  
Shipping Report Says at End of June 4,800,000 Tons Were Under Construction.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—Lloyd's shipping report says that at the end of June, 1919, a record amount of shipbuilding was going on throughout the world, namely, 4,800,000 tons, of which 2,000,000 tons were building in the United Kingdom.

During the year to June 30 there were 2,800,000 gross tons registered at Lloyd's, of which the United States built 1,200,000 tons, the United Kingdom 1,200,000, Japan 350,000 and Canada 200,000. Next to the United States, Japan showed the greatest increase in shipbuilding in war-time.

**Would Extend Time Limit.**  
HONOLULU, Oct. 28.—The Japanese government has announced that negotiations will be opened with Great Britain for an extension of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, according to Tokyo cable to the Japanese daily Nippon Jiji.

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**PHYSICAL INSPECTION FOR PUPILS IN RURAL SCHOOLS**  
Monday, November 3, Set as Day for Examination of Youngsters by Educational Authorities.

For the first time in the history of the rural schools of the public school system of Virginia, a day has been set apart for the physical inspection of the pupils in an effort to check the spread of disease and curb physical inefficiency. Monday, November 3, has been designated as Physical Inspection Day by Superintendent of Public Instruction Harris Hart, and plans have been made for searching examinations by the teachers in all grades.

Special attention will be given in the examinations to defective eyesight, poor hearing, bad teeth and malnutrition. The tests for vision and hearing have been outlined in the Teacher's Health Manual, which has been widely distributed among the teachers in all grades. The manual and eye-testing cards may also be secured from division superintendents, or from the State Board of Health.

Permanent records will be kept of the annual inspection, and a record for each child will be filed with the division superintendent and, when found defective, the report on a pupil will be sent to its parents. The cooperation of the parents in securing proper medical attention and in checking malnutrition will be sought by the school teachers.

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## Origin and Customs of Halloween Time

Young Folks Appreciate This "Little Holiday" Immensely.

Of the "little holidays," probably the one most welcome to young people is Halloween. It is also probable not many, as they celebrate the last night in October, know the origin.

Halloween, an abbreviation of All Hallows' Eve, had its origin with our pagan ancestors, antedating by several centuries All Saints' Day. The first celebrations were by the Druids, before the advent of the Christian religion in the British Isles, and were responsible for the custom of building huge fires in superstitious beliefs.

All Hallows' Eve at that time, especially devoted to forecasting the future, corresponded to our New Year's Day. It marked the beginning of the winter season, all herds were brought in, tenure of lands ended and servants contracted work for another year. The custom was retained on the Isle of Man even into the nineteenth century, when gongs heralded the new year and new fires were kindled. On this night a bonfire sat on every stile of which our Jack-o'-lanterns are a manufactured substitute, while witches rode on black cats at eventide, turning into fiery steeds in the darkness.

Superstitions were many. Peeping through a keyhole of a church, if one saw coffins, meant death in one year; so did a misplaced stone. On this night maidens had visions of future husbands, and it is thought love-sick swains took advantage of superstitions long enough, psychologically, to cause the chosen suitor to appear in person.

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